

Sinclair Broadcast Group's recent actions have illustrated the dangers to localism caused by media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy.

Clear Channel has been largely responsible for the death of local, independent, and alternative music scenes and the likes of Sinclair Broadcasting threaten to do the same to local, independent, and alternative forums of public discourse and information dissemination.

Actions like these show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them.

Thank you for your time.